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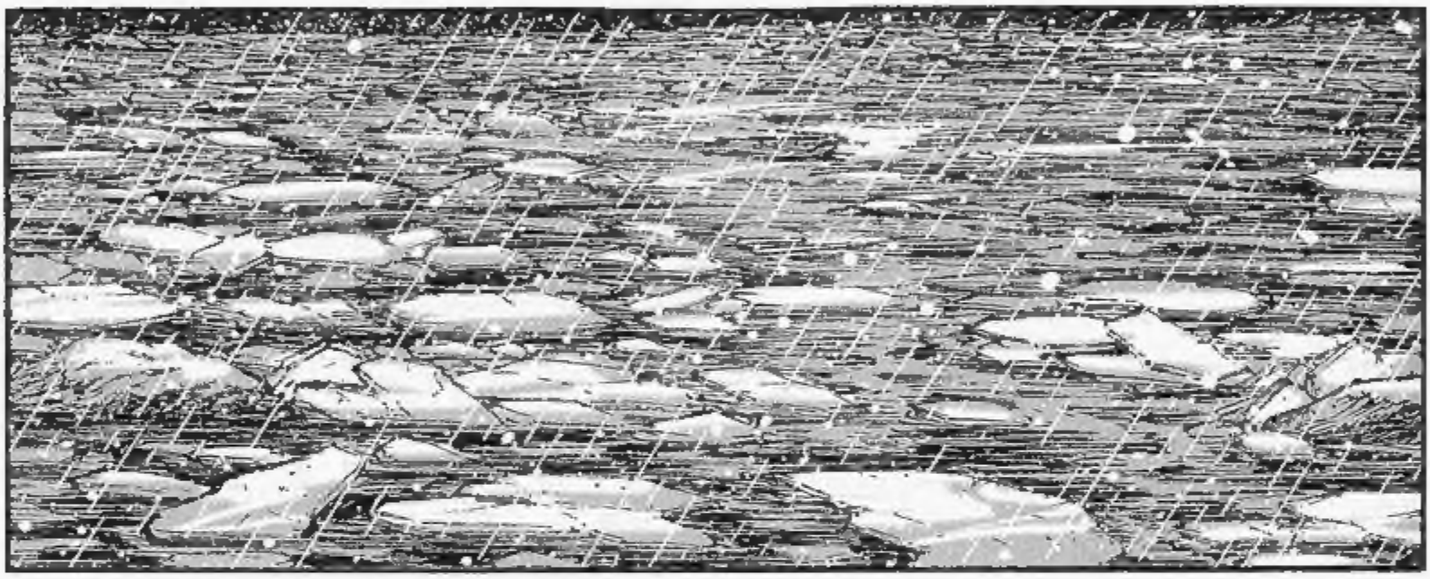

SIR, THE REMAINING TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER

LIFE IS UNPREDIC-TABLE. FROM A GREAT FIRE

JIANGLING IS JUST AHEAD, EVERYONE. PICK UP THE PACE!
MARCH FORWARD, DESPITE THIS BOGGY PATH!

CH 436 IT'S SNOWING SWORDS

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WHAT'S WITH THIS ABNORMAL WEATHER? THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD'VE PREDICTED THIS_

MASTER REN, A REPORT FROM JIA XU!

SO MANY HAVE DIED BECAUSE WE WERE CAUGHT OFF GUARD

IT WOULD'VE BEEN WORSE HAD OUR LORD NOT LEFT HUARONG ALREADY_

ABANDON GEAR! WE MUST MAKE HASTE TO AID THE DEFENSE OF JIANGLING! HURRY!

WH...WHAT? THE SUN ARMY TOOK A DETOUR?

RAIN AND SNOW, FAST AND FURIOUS

KONG MING'S "BORROWING THE WEATHER"...

REALLY IS THE MOST POWERFUL STRATEGY I'VE SEEN IN MY LIFE...

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, OLD ZHONG!

LISTEN UP! WE'RE NO BUSINESSMEN. COME AT US AT YOUR OWN PERIL

YOU HEAR ME? BACK OFF NOW!

CAO CAO'S MEN?

YES. MOST LIKELY DESERTERS

WITHOUT RATIONS OR MORALE, MORE THAN HALF OF CAO CAO'S MEN HAVE SCATTERED

THESE MEN WON'T MAKE IT BACK TO THE NORTH...

THIS SCENARIO IS LIKE A REPEAT OF GUANDU

ONCE THE NEWS REACHES THE NORTH, WARLORDS THERE WILL USE THE OPPORTU-NITY TO CONDUCT RAIDS

AND THE CAO CLAN WILL FACE A THREAT UNLIKE ANYTHING PRIOR

A ROUTED CAO ARMY CRUMBLED IN AN INSTANT

YES. CAO CAO'S DEMISE WILL LEAD TO INFIGHTING AMONGST HIS SONS

THAT MEANS THE WORSE IS_

AS MASTER HAS SAID, IT'LL BE JUST LIKE YUAN CLAN'S THREE SONS AT GUANDU

IT'LL BE AN UNMANA-GEABLE MESS

SO THEN EVEN IF GUO JIA IS STILL ALIVE_

YES.
CAO CAO_

IS REALLY TRULY FINISHED...

GRAB ON AND DON'T LET GO!

THE TORRENT CAME TOO FAST; THE THIRD FIELD HAS BEEN DESTROYED!

HURRY! TO THE HILLS!

EVERYTHING BELOW HAS BEEN WIPED OUT BY A MUDSLIDE!

CLIMB, HURRY!

SFX: LONG~

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PLEASE, IS THERE ANY MORE SPACE IN THESE TENTS?

OUR MEN ARE FREEZING TO DEATH!

COUGH! COUGH! COUGH! COUGH! COUGH! COUGH!

MORE AND MORE OF US ARE TAKEN BY THE PLAGUE_

SCRAM! THERE'S NO MORE ROOM HERE!

I'LL CUT YOU DOWN IF YOU BARGE IN!

HAVE WE MADE CONTACT WITH THE MAIN ARMY?

CAO CAO HAD LOST THE BATTLE AT RED CLIFF BY NOVEMBER OF 208 A.D.

THE REMNANT FORCE WAS ROUTED THROUGH HUARONG.
BY THE MONTH'S END, THE VALLEY HAS BEEN FLOODED
BY A NONSTOP SHOWER OF RAIN AND SNOW.
THE REMAINING TROOPS WERE ALL SCATTERED,
AND HALF OF THEM DIED

THE CAO ARMY AT HUARONG HAD COMPLETELY CRUMBLED IN A MERE FEW DAYS

SIR! GUAN PING'S TROOP IS IN POSITION!

SIR! WE HAVE BLOCKED CAO CAO'S RETREAT ROUTE!

THEIR MAIN ARMY IS ALSO RUNNING OUT OF RATIONS!

YOU LOOK DOWN, SECOND MASTER

I HAD NO IDEA A VITAL BATTLE COULD BE WON WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT

AND THE NEXT...

IT'S FUNNY HOW THE TOP ACHIEVEMENT WILL GO TO YOU,

I FOLLOWED BIG BROTHER THROUGH COUNTLESS CAMPAIGNS, BUT THIS TIME...

OUR MEN DON'T SO MUCH EXPECT ME TO SAVE THEM AS THEY NEED THESE BOOTS TO WORK

GOES TO BIG BROTHER FOR INVENTING THESE WATERPROOF BOOTS

SIR!

NOT REALLY

A SCHOLAR AND A SHOEMAKER DOMINATED THIS BATTLE. DON'T YOU FIND IT FUNNY?

THEY SEEM TO WANT TO BREAK OUR SIEGE!

CAO CAO'S MAIN ARMY HAS RELOCATED TO SOMEWHERE NEARBY

IT LOOKS LIKE THEIR RATIONS ARE ALMOST DEPLETED!

OUR TROOPS ARE IN POSITION, SECOND MASTER. SHOULD WE ATTACK?

THAT'S NOT FUNNY EITHER, ADVISOR. I HAVE BUT ONE DREAM THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS OF FIGHTING-

FOR MY BIG BROTHER'S SUCCESS. WISE MEN DO NOT BELIEVE IN RUMORS_

THEY SAY YOU AND CAO CAO HAD A NICE RAPPORT. I'M AFRAID_

I WISH
I COULD
CAPTURE
CAO CAO
RIGHT NOW!

下回、龍鳳初戰！

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GENERAL, LOOK!

THE WATER LEVEL ROSE WAY TOO FAST! WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF FROM THE FIFTH BATTALION!

WHAT NOW? WE CAN'T GET THE RATIONS TO THEM!

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THE FIRST BATTLE BETWEEN ULTIMATES

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GENERAL SONG HAS BEEN MOBBED!

SIR! WE CAN'T MAKE CONTACT WITH THE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE HILLS AHEAD EITHER...

WE HAVEN'T HEARD A SINGLE REPORT FROM THEM THE WHOLE DAY!

THEY MUST'VE FLED!

THE FIFTH BATTALION HAS MUTINIED!

YOU MEN OUT THERE, KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN! OUR LORD NEEDS TO REST!

HUA TUO, HOW IS OUR LORD'S CONDITION?

RIGHT. WE SHOULD STILL TRY TO ESCAPE THIS FREEZING WEATHER

HOW DOES IT LOOK AT THE FRONT LINES?

AFTER TAKING THE MEDICINE, HE JUST NEEDS TO REST FOR A FEW DAYS TO RECOVER. HOWEVER...

THE WATER LEVEL ROSE TOO FAST. WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH MANY OF OUR TROOPS

AND LIU BEI'S FORCES HAVE BLOCKED OUR ONLY ESCAPE ROUTE

OUR MEN ARE DESERTING IN DROVES. MANY MORE HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THE COLD

SOMETHING MUST'VE GONE WRONG

DIDN'T THEY PROMISE TO SEND FOUR TROOPS FROM THE NORTH TO OUR AID?

BUT NARY A WORD THUS FAR

I HEARD THAT THINGS ARE BAD AT JINGZHOU TOO. SEVERAL REPORTS OF REBELLION PRIOR TO THE STORM

THE COMMANDING OFFICERS AT EACH CITY HAVE BEEN WORKING NONSTOP. THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE ONCE THEY HEAR OF OUR DEFEAT AT RED CLIFF

SIR! THE LATEST NEWS...

LIU BEI'S MEN HAVE BEEN SPREADING THE NEWS AROUND OUR CAMPS...

STAY AT YOUR POST. AS FOR REINFORCEMENTS... DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES!

THAT OUR LORD'S MAIN CAMP HAS BEEN BREACHED, AND THAT HE HAS BEEN CAPTURED!

NEARLY ALL OF OUR MEN IN THE REGION HAVE SURRENDERED!

IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING. THEY HAD INTENDED TO SURRENDER...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, ADVISOR CHENG...

THE OUTCOME HAS PRECEDED THE BATTLE. OUR HUNDRED-THOUSAND STRONG IS ROUTED WHILE THEY LOSE NO ONE...

THE PRECISION AT WHICH THE OPPOSING STRATEGIST PLOTS HIS MOVES IS BEYOND BELIEF...

WE'LL NEED A MIRACLE...

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THIS UNSCATHED, EVERYONE.

ALL TROOPS IN POSITION, ADVISOR

AWAITING ORDERS

DEPUTY

YES SIR!

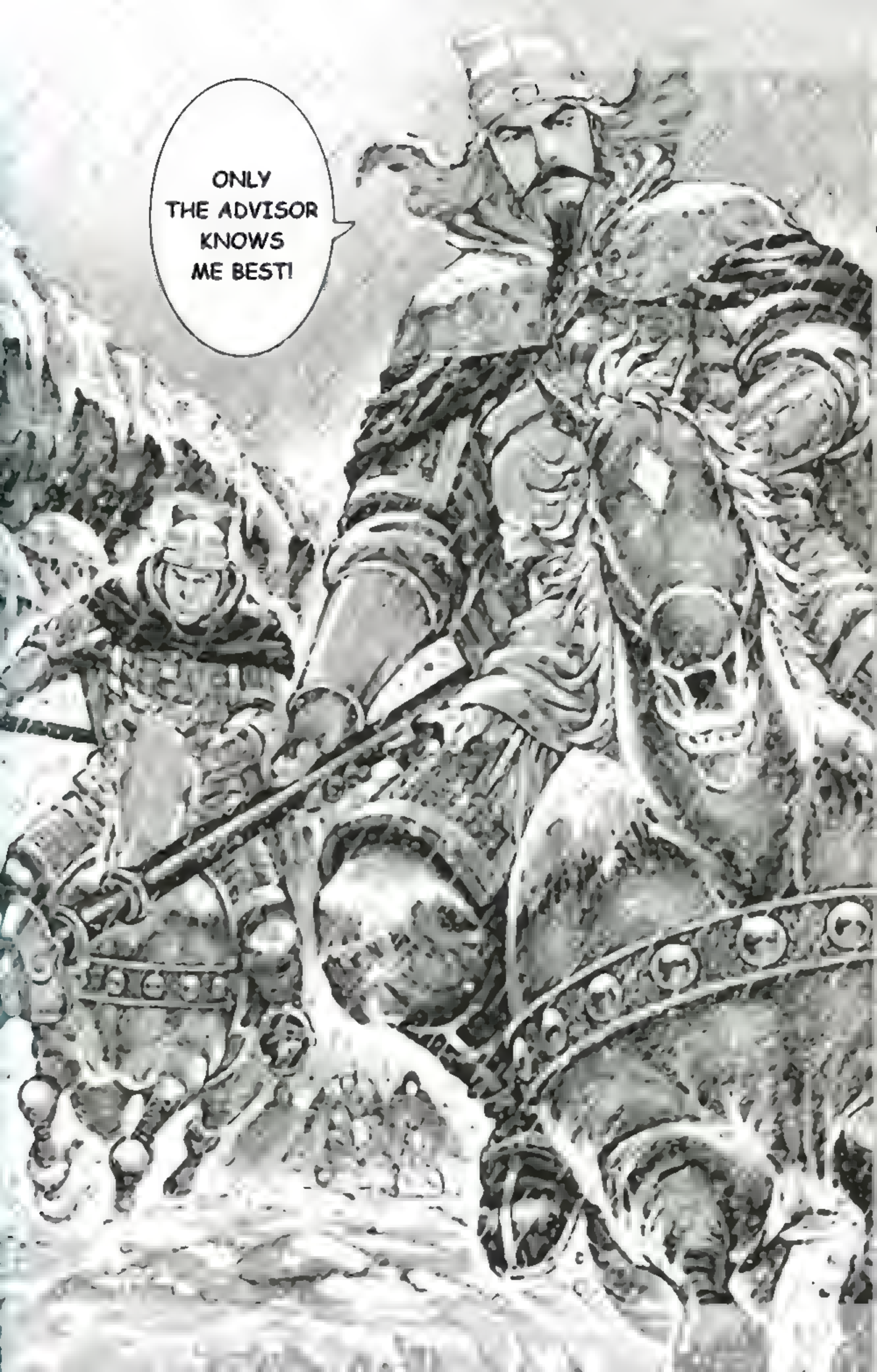
SOMETHING OFF IN THE ENEMY CAMP?

INITIATE THE FIRST ROUND OF A FULL SCALE ATTACK

THEIR FORMATION HAS EXCEEDED MY EXPEC-TATION SOMEWHAT

HM... FINALLY

MAIN ARMY, MOVE OUT!


ONLY THE ADVISOR KNOWS ME BEST!

MY FIRST BATTLE!

GO!

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咚——

SIR!
LIU BEI'S TROOP
HAS BEGUN
THEIR ATTACK!

THEIR FLAG
SAYS GUAN...

GUAN...
NOT GUAN YU,
IS IT?

SIR, IT...
IT IS GUAN YU!

ARE YOU
ALL SCARED?

IT'S COMMON
KNOWLEDGE
THAT GUAN YU
IS INVINCIBLE

BUT OUR...
OUR COMMANDER
HASN'T HAD
THAT EXPERI-
ENCE!

TOUGH LUCK...?

LET'S
TOUGH IT
OUT!

HOO

YOUNG MASTER, WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIGHT GUAN YU IN THE FIRST FOUND

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR USURPATION SCHEME MAY BE IN PLACE,

BUT THIS FIGHT IS SOMETHING ELSE

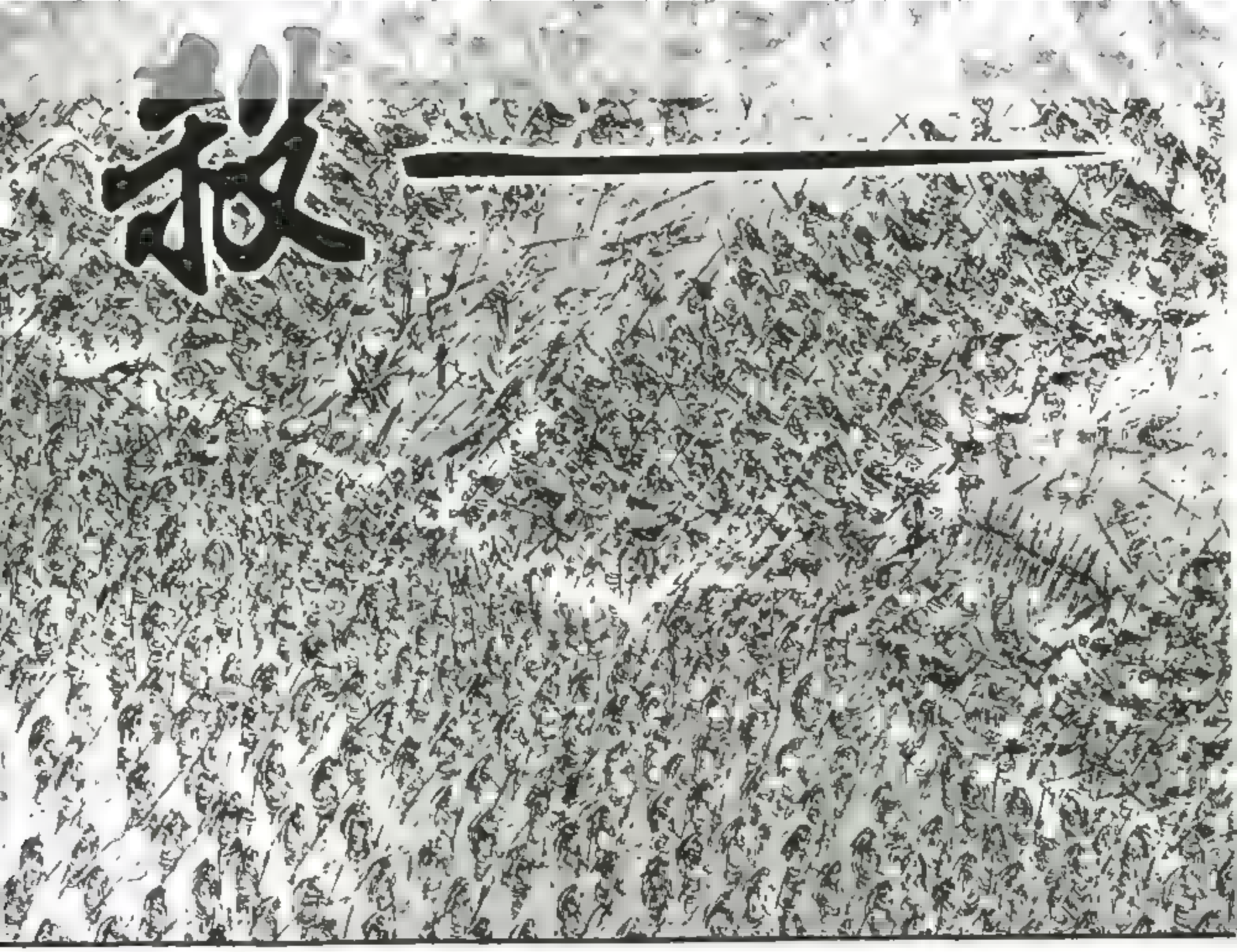
ARE YOU CONCERNED FOR ME, OLD JIA?

CAN YOU HANDLE... THE ART OF WAR?

HAHA, NO "PRIOR EXPERIENCE" TO SPEAK OF

YET... IT'S QUITE THRILLING

YES. THERE'S THIS OBSTACLE BEFORE US


ZHUGE LIANG MUST
FEEL THE SAME WAY

YOUNG MASTER!

ADVISOR SIMA, THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH OUR VANGUARDS!

THE MIDDLE FLANK CAN'T SEEM TO FEND THEM OFF!

COME

MY FIRST BATTLE...

GO

MUST
BE WON
CAN'T
BE LOST
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JIANGLING

江陵原

THE TOWERS NEED THREE UNITS

PREP THEM AND HEAD ON UP!

THANKS TO YOUR ACCURATE PREDICTION, ADVISOR-

ANY LATER AND WE'D BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

CH 438 UNSPOKEN

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ZHOU YU'S TROOPS REALLY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE

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WE THOUGHT THEY'D BE AFTER OUR LORD. WHO KNEW THEY'D SUDDENLY TARGET US

IT'S GETTING COLDER, ADVISOR, PLUS THE ENEMY BLOCKADE IS PREVENTING US FROM AIDING HUARONG...

BY THE LOOKS OF IT, THEY MIGHT'VE MOBILIZED THE WHOLE ARMY

AFTER SO MANY DAYS, I'M AFRAID... OUR LORD'S TROOPS...

WE'VE BEEN CAUGHT OFF GUARD

CAO REN'S FORCES HAVE ARRIVED!

NO. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES, HOW COULD WE VASSALS JUST LET THIS HAPPEN?

NO. WE CANNOT LOSE THIS GROUND

WE CAN'T DO THIS!

ADVISOR, BUT...

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, CAO REN?

DEPUTY, PROVIDE RATIONS TO CAO REN'S TROOP.

YES

THEN WE'LL LOCK THE GATES AND DEFEND JIANGLING TO THE END

ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

YOUNG MASTER PI IS AT XIANGYANG

JIA XU, DOES THIS MEAN...

YOU UNDERSTAND

YOU MUST'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT ON YOUR WAY HERE

OUR MAIN FORCE MUST HEAD WEST!

WE'LL LET JIA XU'S TROOP TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE

MEN, THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE. WE MUST TAKE A DETOUR

MEN, WE HEAD FOR YILING!

YUE JIN'S TROOP WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT MANAGED TO ESCAPE

GOOD. I CAN REST EASY WITH HIM AROUND

THE FIRE IN THE HILLS MAY HAVE TRAPPED YUE JIN, BUT THE DOWNPOUR SHOULD'VE SAVED HIM, DON'T YOU THINK?

YES I'VE ALSO RECEIVED NEWS THAT OF THE MAIN FORCES.

THIS IS WHAT THE SITUATION DEMANDS. IT'S THE BEST WE CAN DO...

BUT IF YOU WON'T RESCUE OUR LORD, ADVISOR, THEN... THEN...

CAO REN UNDERSTOOD

XIANGYANG

I HOPE... YUE JIN WILL TOO

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, YOUNG MASTER

SEND SIMA YI MY THANKS

YOU FLATTER HIM, YOUNG MASTER

THE DAYS OF TRAVEL MUST BE EXHAUSTING, YOUNG MASTER. PLEASE REST INSIDE

IT'S TRUE. YOUNG MASTER WOULD'VE BEEN IN GRAVE DANGER WITHOUT SIMA YI'S HELP

HOW MUCH MILITARY FORCES DO WE HAVE HERE?

AM I NOT ALLOWED TO GO RESCUE MY FATHER?

NONONO, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE MEANT...

WE SHOULDN'T LET EMOTIONS AFFECT OUR DECISIONS, YOUNG MASTER, WE NEED...

RIGHT NOW WE NEED YOU TO STAY AND STABILIZE MORALE, YOUNG MASTER

I DON'T FEAR DEATH, UNLESS IT HAD NO VALUE

I'M... JUST WORRIED THAT YOU...

WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

I COULD EXECUTE YOU WITH IMPUNITY JUST FOR SAYING THAT

YOU GET IT, YOUNG MASTER!

WE ALL DO

FOUR OF OUR REINFORCEMENTS STILL HAVEN'T ARRIVED

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BACK IN THE CAPITAL...

WE MUST LOOK OUT FOR YOUNG MASTER PI

HOWEVER, AS THINGS STAND, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING ON OUR MINDS...

BECAUSE ON THAT DAY, THERE WAS ONE THING ON EVERYONE'S MIND:

[CAO CAO IS DEAD]

STAY CALM. HOLD FAST!

OUR LORD IS STILL ALIVE

REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE HERE SOON!

TIGHTEN OUR ENCIRCLEMENT

THE CAO ARMY CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!

WHOA

SHIT! MORE TRAPS!

UNTESTED GROUNDS. DON'T RUSH IN!

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NOW'S OUR CHANCE! WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR, PROCEED WITH THE PLAN!

LOOK, GUAN YU'S TROOPS HAVE SLOWED DOWN!

ARCHERS!

SFX: SHOO~

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A FLAWLESS DEFENSE

FATHER, THIS COMMANDER IS QUITE GOOD

關羽之子【關平】

[GUAN YU'S SON, GUAN PING]

AND TODAY THEY'RE SUDDENLY FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL

YES. YESTERDAY THE CAO ARMY CRUMBLED

KONG MING, I, TOO, HAVE A THOUGHT...

NEVER ONCE HAVE I WITNESSED SUCH PHENOMENON IN ALL MY YEARS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

WHO IS IT THAT HAS TURNED YOUR DEPRESSING SCRIPT...

WHO...

INTO SO METHING MORE EXCITING?

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THE RISING WATER LEVEL HAS WIPED AWAY ANY TRACE OF A ROAD

TELL THE REAR FLANK TO PULL BACK. WE CAN'T GO FORWARD IN THIS DIRECTION

THE WATER IS TOO DEEP UP AHEAD, GENERAL. WE CAN'T GET ACROSS!

LOOK OUT! LANDSLIDE ABOVE US!

CH 439 FALLEN TO HELL

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THIS TERRAIN IS HARD TO TRAVERSE. BY THE LOOKS OF IT WE CAN'T EVEN TRAVEL FOR THREE LI IN A DAY

HOW LONG WILL OUR RATIONS HOLD?

THREE DAYS TOPS. MASTER DUN, SHOULD WE...

OH AH-MAN...

NO! KEEP MOVING. WE'LL NEVER RETREAT BEFORE RECOVERING OUR LORD!

YOU BETTER BE ALIVE!

HOWEVER, XIAHOU DUN WAS ALSO CONTEMPLATING.

SAVE CAO CAO AT ALL COST?

ALIVE!

CAO CAO'S MAIN ENCAMPMENT

曹操主寨

ALL RIGHT. SWITCH SHIFT

YOUR TURN TO REST

EVERYONE ELSE IS CONTEMPLATING TOO

OR... SAVE THE CAO CLAN'S LEGACY?

HURRY UP. WE'RE FREEZING TO DEATH!

COUGH COUGH_ CLOSE THE COVERS!

NO MORE ROOM. GET RID OF THE DEAD!

DAMN IT! HE WAS FINE YESTERDAY; NOW DEAD, AFTER ONE SHUT-EYE?

I HEARD THAT THE SECOND BATTALION HAD OVER THREE HUNDRED DESERTERS. WERE THEY CAUGHT?

OUR FEET HAVE BEEN IN ICE WATER FOR DAYS...

YEAH. IT HURTS LIKE HELL TO WALK, LET ALONE FLEEING...

THIS PLACE IS HELL FOR SURE...

ALL UNITS ASSEMBLE! ALL UNITS!

LIU BEI'S ARMY IS HERE AGAIN!

THEY'RE HERE!

LISTEN UP. OUR BACKS ARE AGAINST THE WALL, AND OUR RATIONS ARE NEAR DEPLETION...

HOWEVER, IF WE CAN HOLD ON, REINFORCEMENT WILL COME ONCE THE WATER RECEDES!

AT THIS POINT, THAT WAS ALL CHENG YU COULD DO

SIR, THE DE... DEFENSE...

DAMN IT! THEY SURRENDERED!

THE... THE ENTIRE DIVISION?

SO... THEY'VE PLANNED THIS AHEAD OF TIME!

ENEMY SIEGE BY DAY, DEADLY COLD BY NIGHT. IN MERE DAYS, EVEN THE MOST LOYAL TROOPS WOULD FEEL HARD-PRESSED TO FIGHT ON...

THAT ZHUGE LIANG'S ART OF WAR IS FRIGHTENING LIKE THE WORK OF A DEVIL!

SFX: DON~ DON~

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WHY'RE YOU DAWDLING?

THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE REAR WITH THE DEFECTORS!

XIAHOU LIANG'S TROOP WILL GO RESCUE THEM!

BLOCK THEIR ROUTE AND AID THE REAR!

ANOTHER KILLER MOVE PRESENTS ITSELF AS ONE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS

THE CAO ARMY IS EXITING THE CAMPS!

PERFECT TIMING! OUT, EVERYBODY!

AM... AMBUSH? HOW COULD THIS BE?

YES! HERE LIE YOUR GRAVES!

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ANOTHER ENEMY TROOP HAS BEEN LURED OUT!

VANGUARDS, PREPARE FOR A JOINT ATTACK!

WE BREAK THEIR MEN BEFORE WE CAPTURE THE LEADER!

MEN, ENGAGE!

THE_ THE ENEMY IS HEADING FOR XIAHOU'S TROOP!

SEND A UNIT TO RESCUE THEM!

XIAHOU'S TROOP HAS BEEN CUT OFF!

NO, TOO MANY ARROWS. WE CAN'T GET CLOSE!

PROTECT THE CORE. DON'T RUSH FORWARD!

GENERAL, WE MUST SAVE XIAHOU LIANG!

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SFX: KILL~

BUT...

THEY'RE DONE FOR IF THEY'RE ISOLATED!

EAST... TO OUR EAST!

ENEMY FROM THE EASTERN VALLEY!

LOOK... THE BANNER!

IT'S THEIR MAIN FORCE!

GUAN YU'S COMING!

噔!

SFX: HUH~

SFX: KILL~

IN... INSTANT
COLLAPSE!

SIR, GUAN YU'S TROOP IS OVERWHELMING

OUR MORALE HAS CRUMBLED, SIR. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THEY'VE KILLED MANY OF OUR OFFICERS AND MEN!

ENOUGH TO SHAKE THE EARTH...

SUCH KILLING AURA

EVEN THE "IMMORTAL" HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS

CURIOUS. WHAT LEVEL OF MAN...

COULD MAKE AN IMMORTAL LOOK ON IN DISBELIEF

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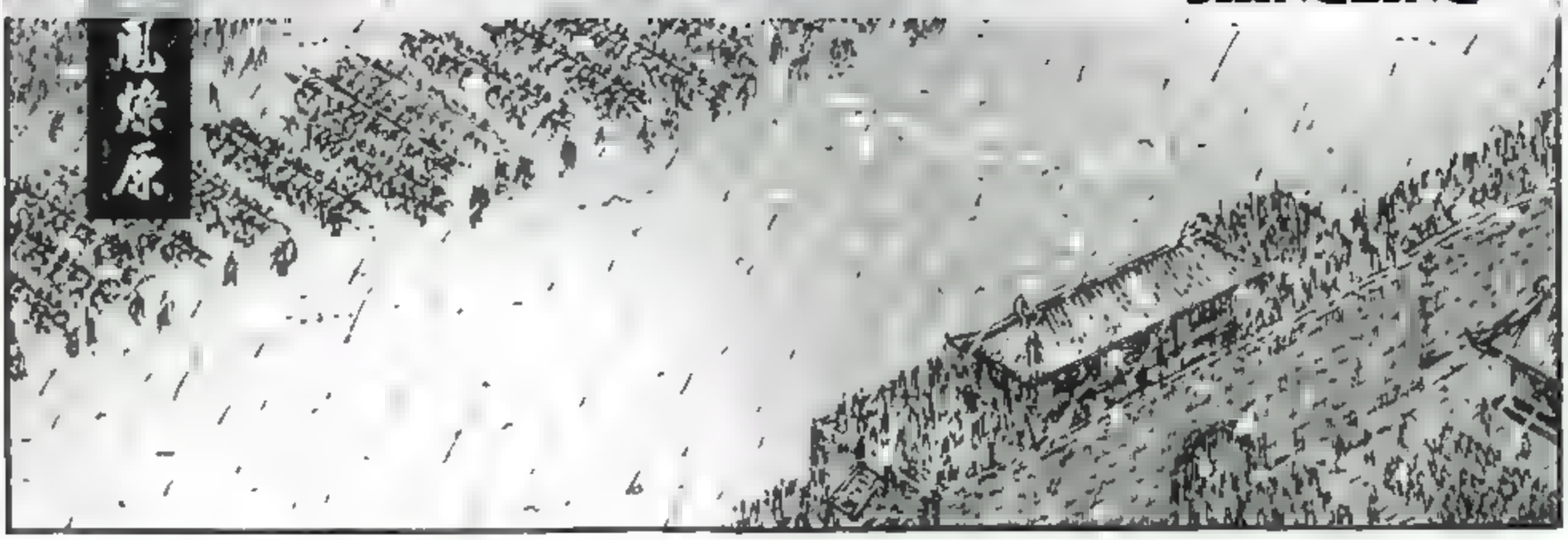
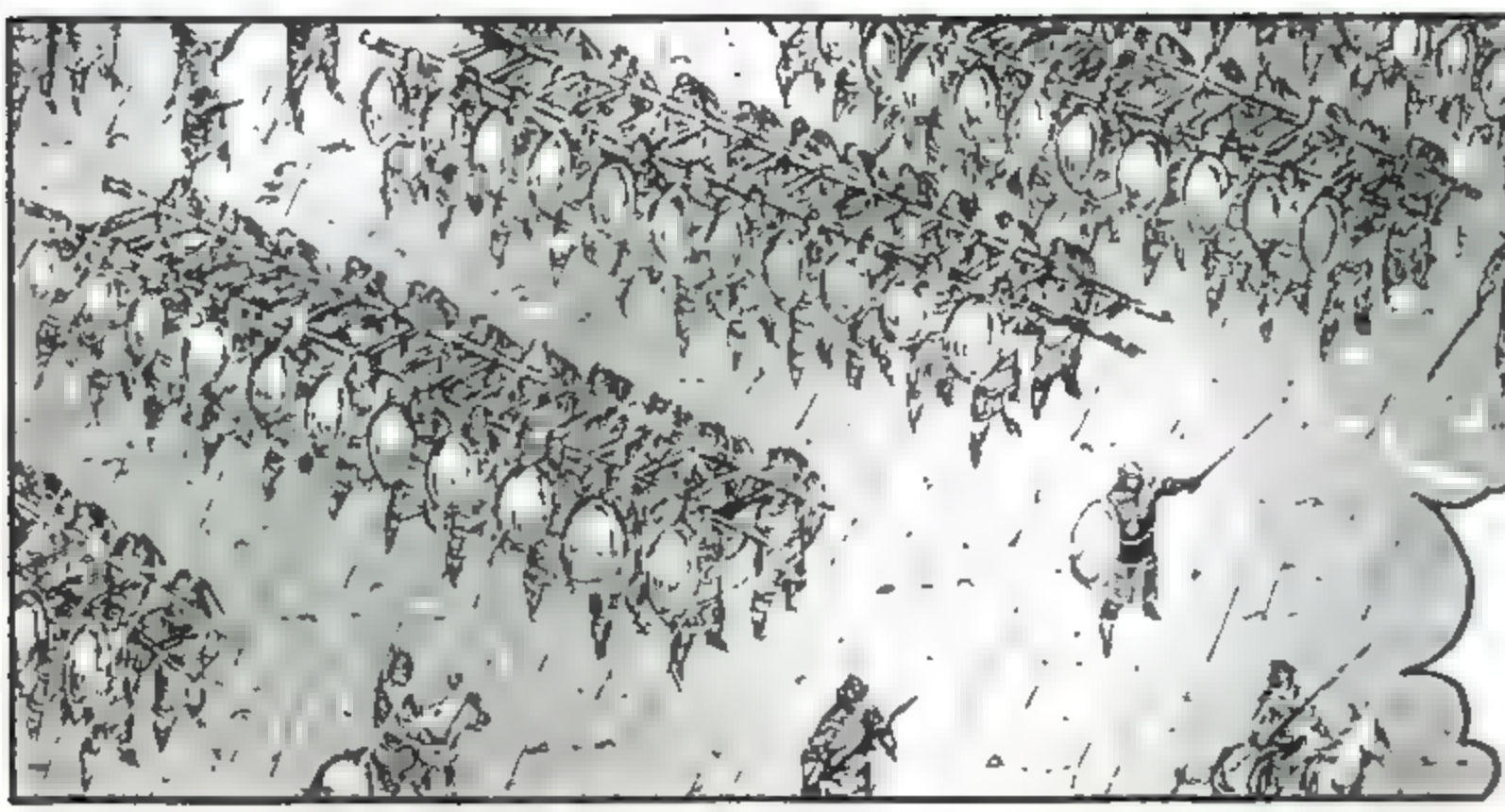
WHAT DID HE ACTUALLY SEE?




LADDERS UP, ARCHERS, COVER THEM!

FUCK YOU AND YOURS!

CAO CAO, HEY CAO CAO!

CH 440 YUN CHANG THE BLADE

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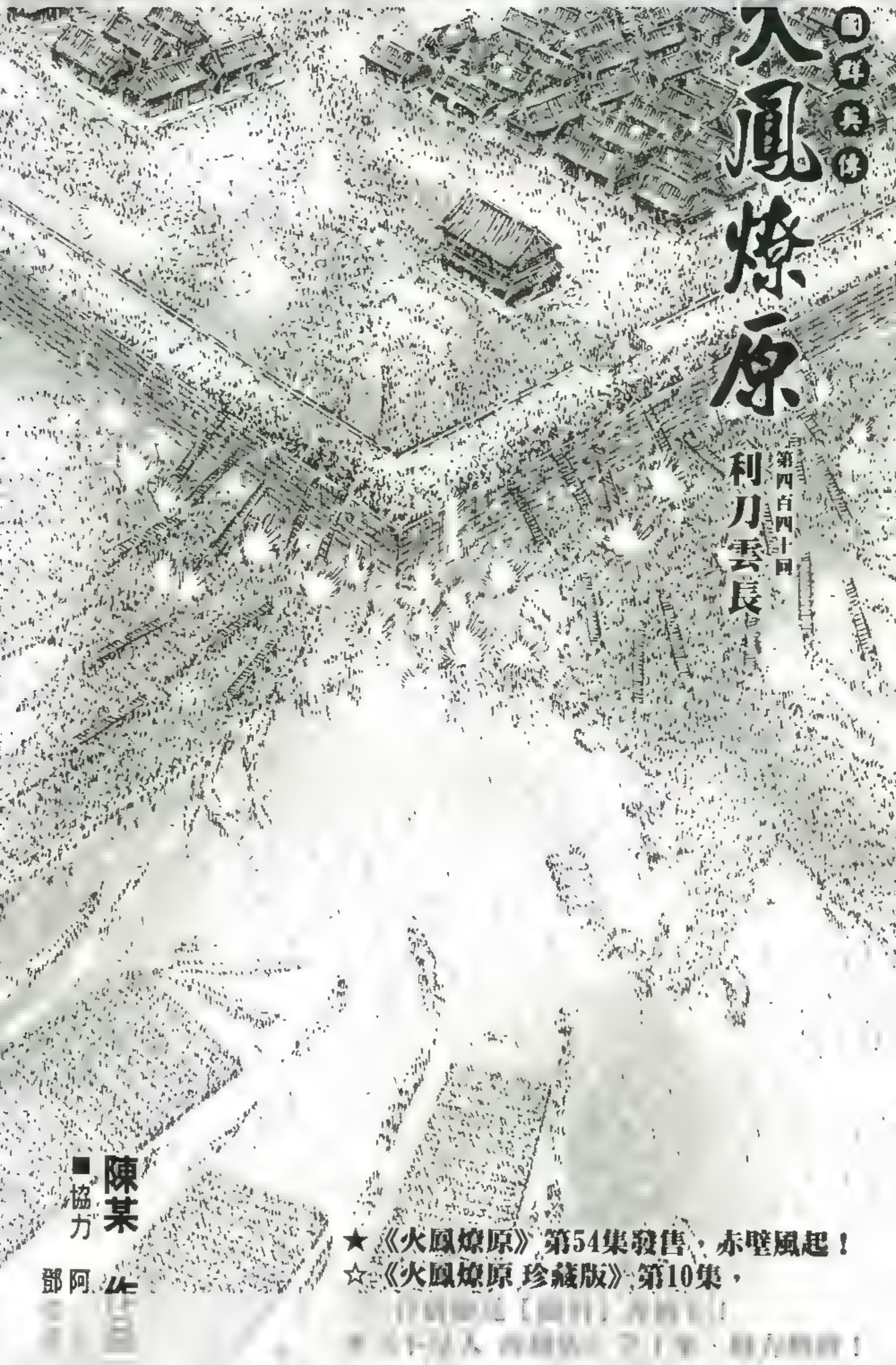

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OUR ARMY HAS BEGUN THE ATTACK ON THE EAST CORNER!

THE SECOND UNIT IS STARTING AT ANOTHER CORNER!

SIR! THE REAR TROOP HAS ARRIVED!

JIA XU'S ARMY IS REFUSING TO ENGAGE US IN BATTLE!

OUR LORD IS HERE!

THE SCOUTS ARE STILL ON RECONNAISSANCE!

HAVE ARCHERS USE THE TAILWIND

APOLOGIES, MY LORD. SPEED WAS OF THE ESSENCE

HAHA, I'M ONLY A MESSENGER

WHEW. CAUGHT UP, FINALLY

THE MEN ARE AFRAID TO TELL ME THEMSELVES?

YES

THAT I DEVIATED FROM PLAN AND LET CAO CAO SLIP AWAY?

OR THAT I'M TRYING TO COMPENSATE A LOSS BY THROWING EVERYTHING AT THE WALL AND HOPING SOMETHING WILL STICK?

THEN PLEASE TELL THEM, MY LORD...

THAT'S EXACTLY THEIR CONCERN, GONG JIN

I'M ALL EARS

IT SHALL RIVAL HUARONG

ZHOU YU GAVE A QUIET RESPONSE

YES. SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN FELT IN A WHILE HAS QUIETLY RETURNED

[HUARONG]

SIR!
THE ENEMY HAS
CHARGED INTO
OUR CAMP!

WE'RE IN DIRE
STRAIT!
HERE COMES
ANOTHER
ENEMY TROOP!

THE MAIN CAMP
HAS BEEN
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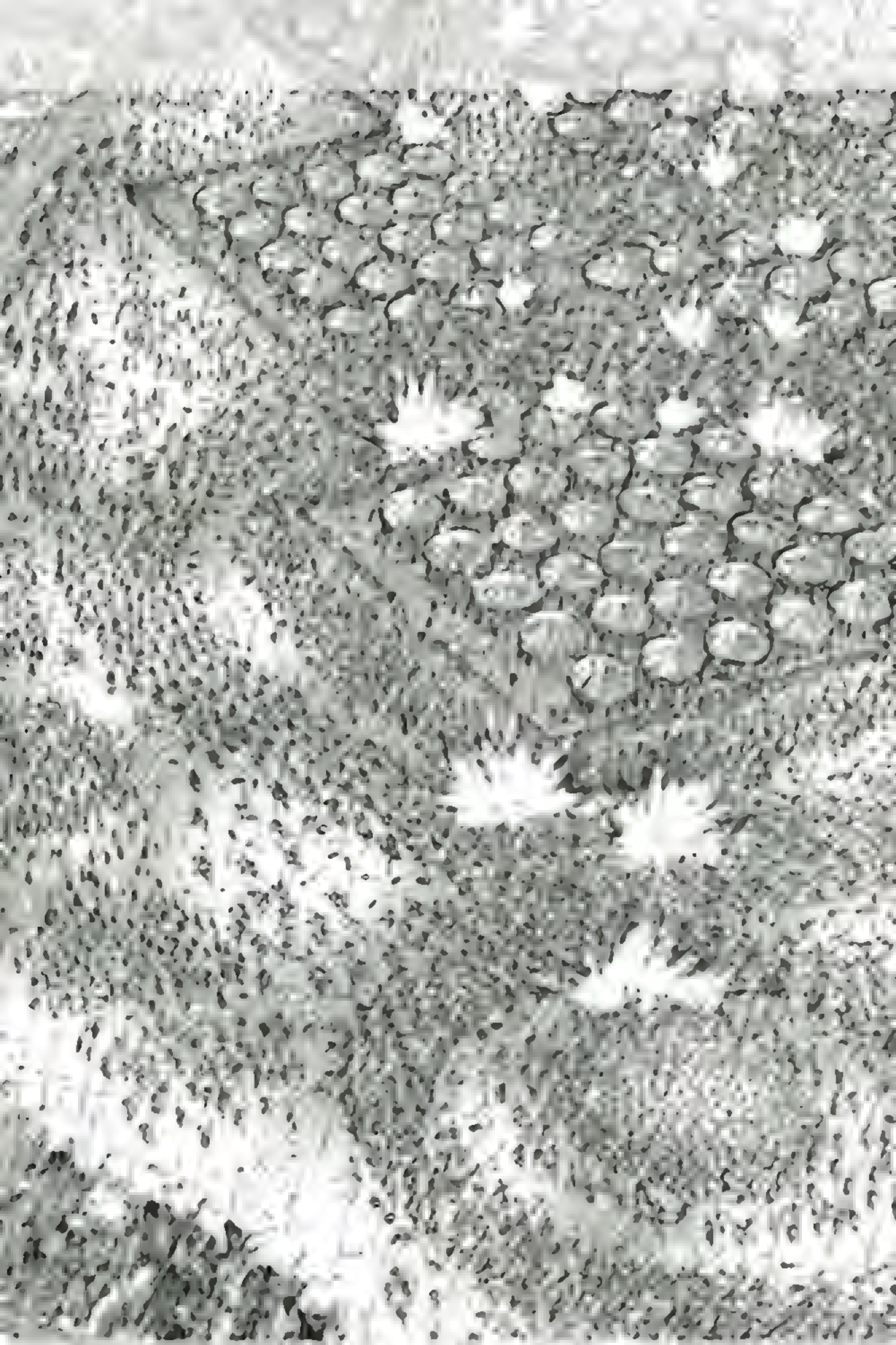

CAO CAO'S SUPPORTING CAMPS ARE FINISHED. THEIR MAIN FORCE NOW STANDS ALONE!

CAO CAO IS WITHIN OUR REACH!

GOOD. MEN, WE'RE GOING IN!

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KILL
THE TRAITOR!

KILL CAO CAO!

KILL
THE TRAITOR...
ADVISOR,
THEY CHANGED
THE SLOGAN

EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN EFFECTIVE RALLYING CRY, WHAT IF...

THAT DEVIATES FROM OUR ORIGINAL PLAN TO CAPTURE THE TRAITOR

HMM...

YES

BESIDES, HASN'T HE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR ASSIGN-MENT DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE?

DON'T WORRY, ADVISOR. SECOND MASTER IS JOKING. HE'S TRYING TO SCARE'EM

YES

NOT BAD,
NOT BAD

IT'S NOT
FUNNY AT ALL

EXCEPT

NOT IN
THE LEAST

CONTINUE THE ATTACK! THE TRAITOR IS JUST INSIDE!

MASTER HONG, CAN YOU KEEP FIGHTING?

WHAT ELSE COULD I FREAKING DO?

OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN DOWN TO THOUSANDS IN DAYS,

NOW LESS THAN A BATTALION. I...

WE CAN'T FIGHT LIKE THIS, MASTER HONG

AND... THAT SIMA YI IS NO MATCH FOR THE SEVENTH GENIUS!

MASTER HONG, GUAN YU'S ON HIS WAY!

WHY NOT COMMAND US YOURSELF, SIR!

DAMN THAT HALF-ASSED SIMA YI, I GOTTA...

THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION, CAO HONG

XIAHOU SU

OUR LORD, OR THE CAO CLAN'S LEGACY?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?

THE MEN ARE AFRAID TO SAY IT, CAO HONG,

BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE BIG PICTURE IT MUST BE SAID!

HE... HE'S HERE!
GUAN YU'S HERE!

OUR LORD
KNOWS TOO.
THAT IS-

YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN

RIGHT!
DEATH OVER
SURRENDER!

NEVER BE
TAKEN
PRISONER!

THE CAO CLAN REMAINS! IMPERIAL HAN REMAINS!

THESE REBELS WANT TO OVERTHROW HAN! DEATH BEFORE SURRENDER!

REBEL GUAN YU, TODAY WE'LL MAKE YOU...

DIE FOR YOUR CRIME AGAINST THE WORLD!

UP... UP THERE!

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IF CAO CAO WANTS TO DIE.

I'LL GRANT HIS WISH

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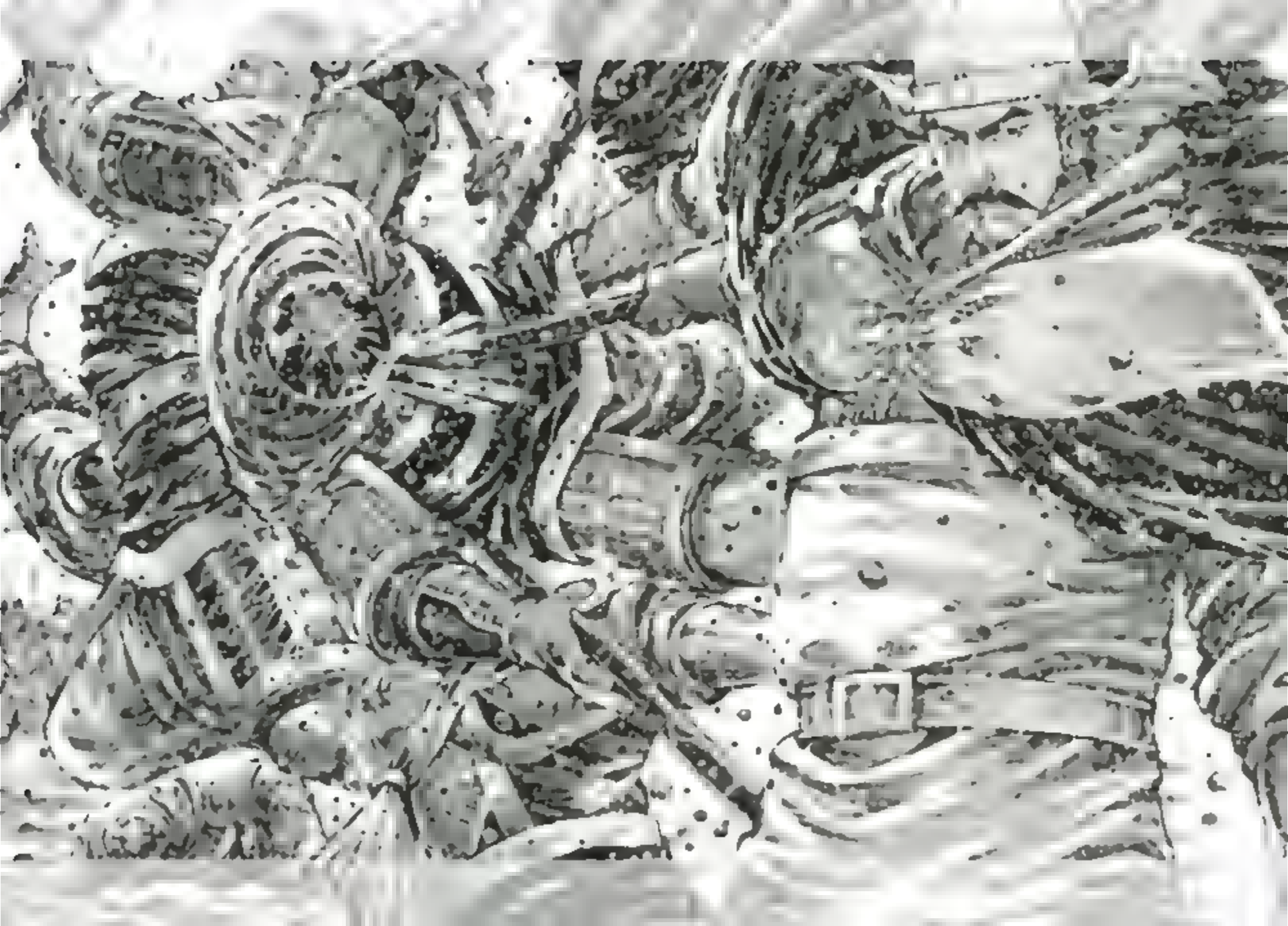
OVER THERE!



MEN,

CAO CAO

IS INSIDE THAT TENT

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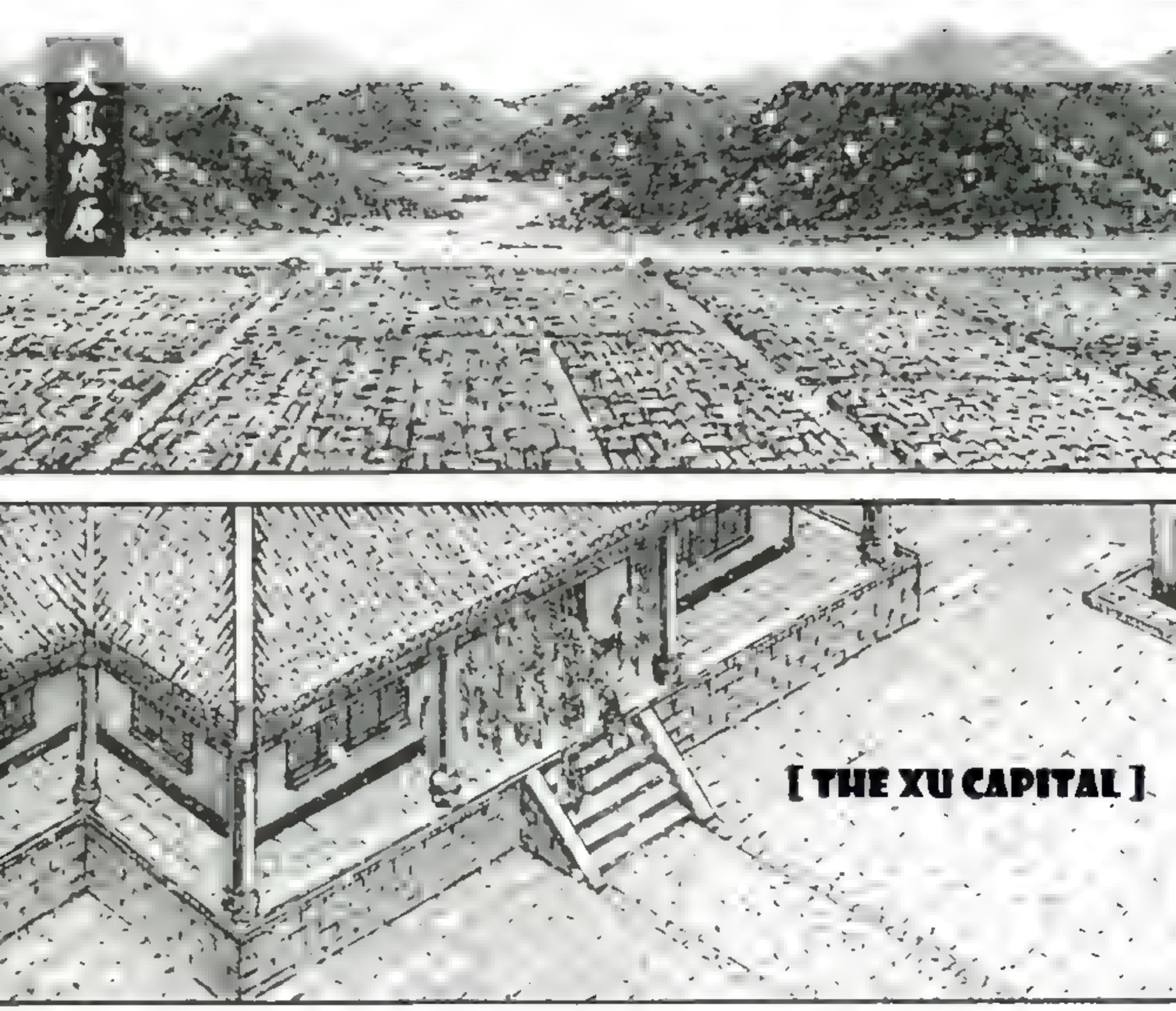
THE IMMORTAL CLOSED HIS EYES,
BECAUSE IT HAD BECOME CLEAR WHO
WAS THE NUMBER ONE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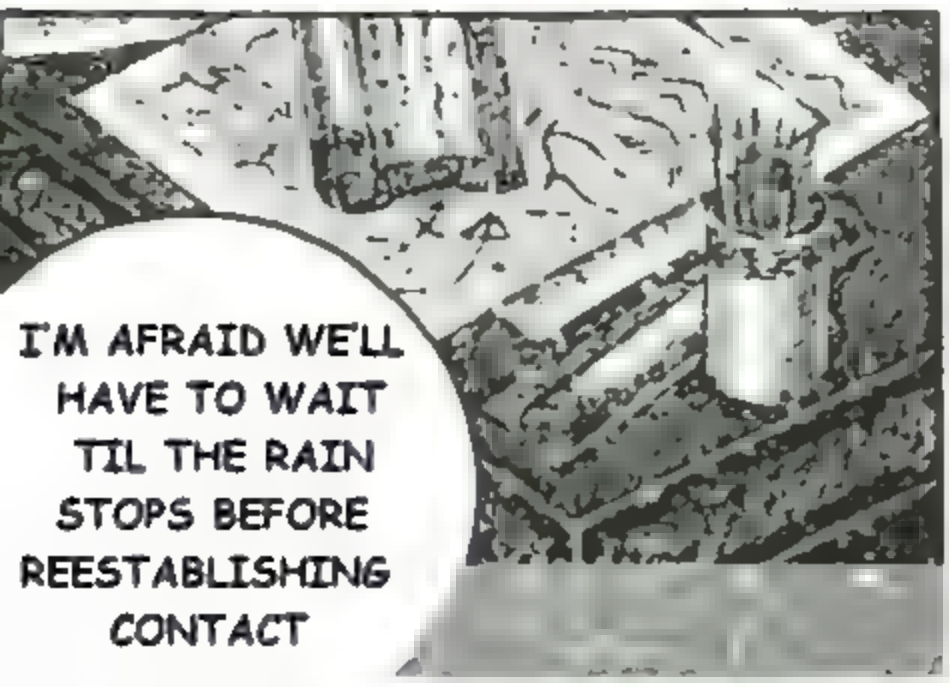
I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TIL THE RAIN STOPS BEFORE REESTABLISHING CONTACT

ANY RECENT NEWS?
THE FLOODING IN JINGZHOU IS RATHER WIDESPREAD- THERE ARE MARSHES EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK

CH 441 ANTI-HERO, LOYAL VASSAL

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WE COULDN'T HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEEDINGLY RARE DISASTERS LIKE THIS

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MY GRAVEST CONCERN IS NEWS THAT OUR LORD IS IN DISTRESS

AY

FAKE SUPPORTERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS WILL SEEK TO MAKE WAVE ONCE THEY HEAR THE NEWS

BUT WHAT IF THE RUMOR IS TRUE? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

BESIDES, THE SITUATION WILL WORSEN JUST THE SAME IF WE DON'T END THE FALSE RUMORS

WHAT'S WORSE, I FEAR THOSE BLIND LOYALISTS WILL RUIN EVERYTHING

WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR LAND IS VAST. IF OUR LORD IS IN DISTRESS, WE'LL BE LEFT WITHOUT A LEADER

SECRETARIAT XUN, VALIANT YOUNG MASTER PI IS ALSO MISSING-IN-ACTION AT THE FRONT LINE...

HIS LIFETIME'S WORK FOR A UNIFIED HAN WILL HAVE BEEN IN VAIN

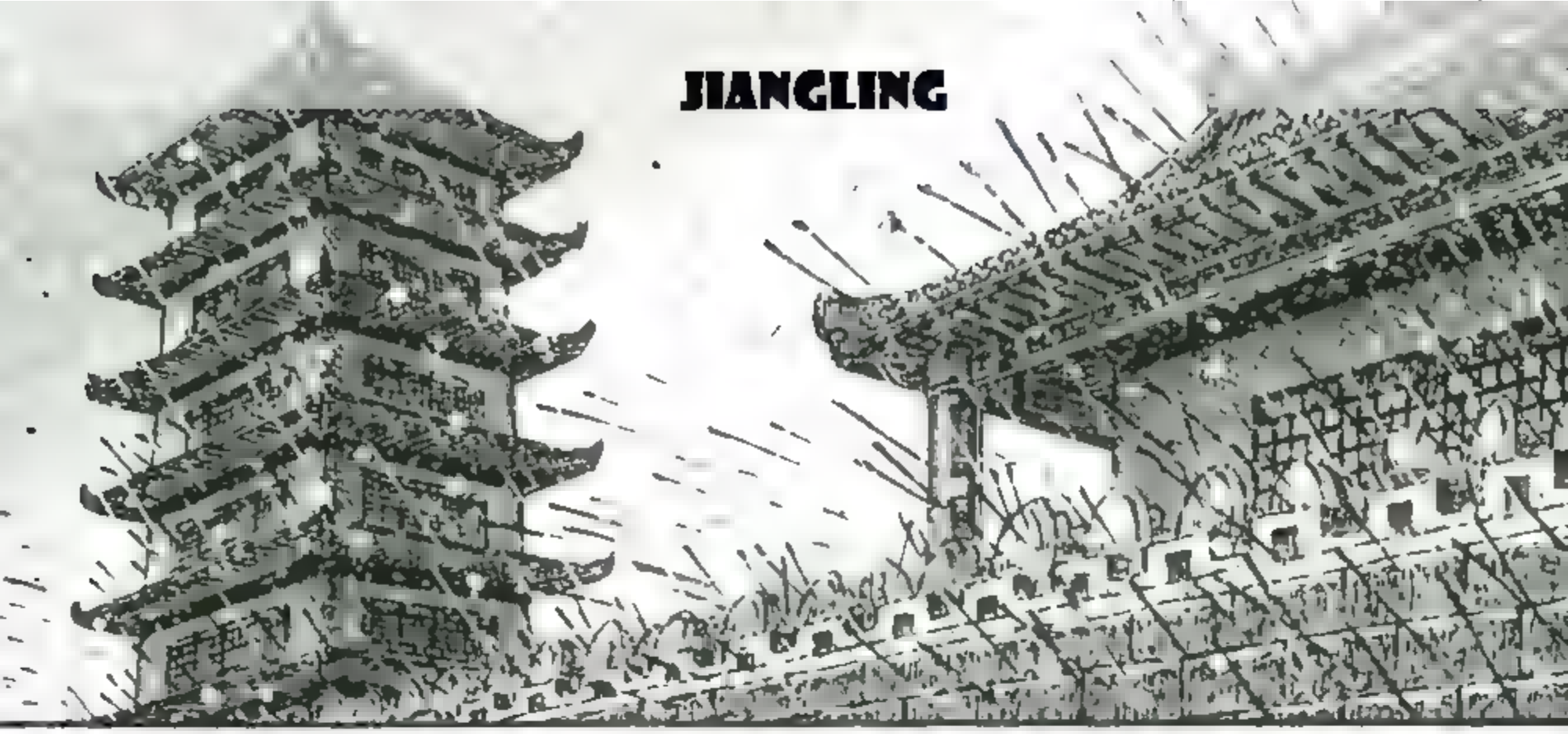
FORTUNATELY YOUNG MASTER ZHI HAS THE EXTRAORDI-NARY TALENT AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE

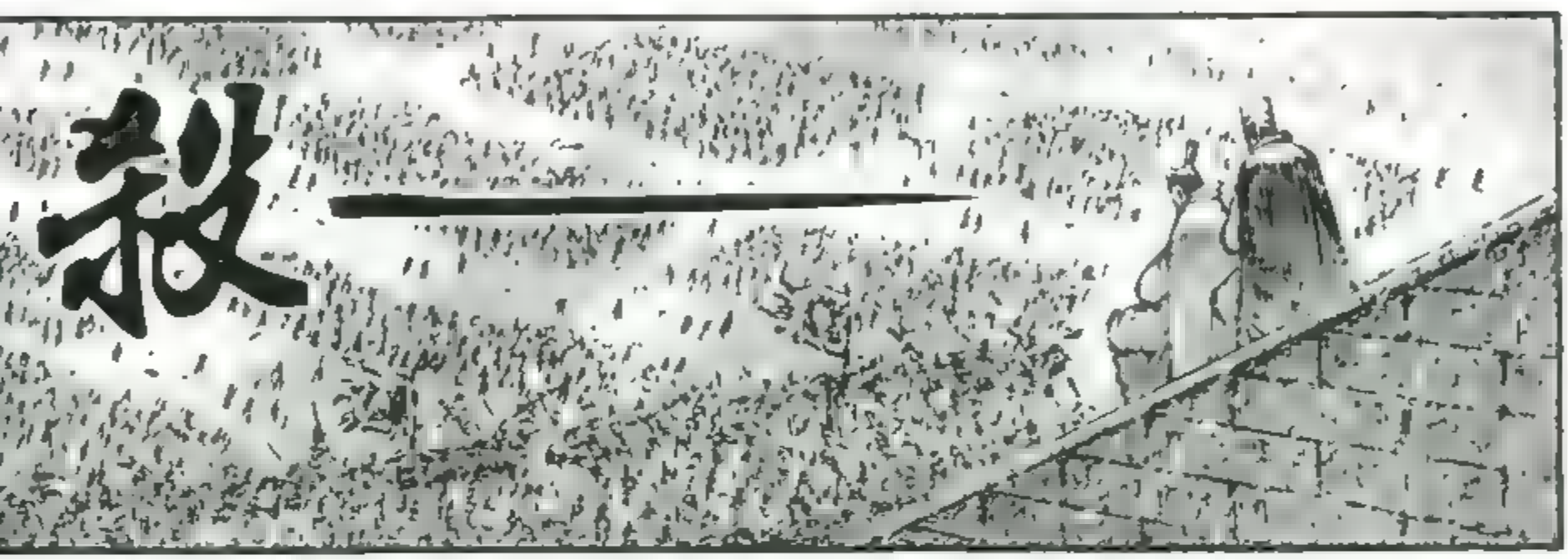
NONE OF US WANT THAT, BUT WE NEED A SUREFIRE PLAN...

THIS IS A STOPGAP MEASURE, SECRETARIAT XUN. PLEASE MAKE PREPARATIONS IMMEDIATELY!

WE AWAIT YOUR ORDER!

JIANGLING

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AS EXPECTED, ZHOU YU WANTS TO USE JIANGLING AS THEIR BASE OF OPERATION FOR FUTURE CONQUESTS

ADVISOR, THE NEWS OF OUR LORD'S DISTRESS IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE INSIDIOUS

JINGZHOU WILL LOSE VITAL SUPPORT IF WE LOSE THIS TERRITORY. WE CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE THE ENEMY

WITHOUT A DECLARED SUCCESSOR, THERE WILL BE MANY FIRES TO PUT OUT

YOUNG MASTERS PI AND ZHI NEVER SAW EYE-TO-EYE...

HEBEI WAS DESTROYED BY THE INFIGHTING AMONGST YUAN SHAO'S SONS AFTER HIS DEATH

YOU ALL SHOULD'VE LEARNED ONE THING FROM THE BATTLE OF GUANDU

FAVORING THE YOUNGER OVER THE ELDEST LED TO THEIR RUIN

SO COULD SECRETARIAT XUN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION DURING THIS CRISIS?

IF WE WERE IN HIS PLACE, YOUNG MASTER PI WOULD BE IN TROUBLE...

PRESERVING THE CAO CLAN'S LAST HOPE-

EVERYONE,

RESTS UPON US

MY LORD... YOU UNDERSTAND

TWO SUCCESSORS EMERGED WITHIN THE CAO FAMILY ON THAT DAY

ONLY A FEW STEPS AWAY!

CAO CAO IS IN THERE!

TAKE HEART, EVERYONE!

THEIR REAR CAMP HAS SURRENDERED TOO!

ALL TROOPS ON THE OUT-SKIRTS HAVE SURRENDERED!

THE LAST OBSTACLE HAS ALSO BEEN OVERCOME!

CAO CAO HAS TAKEN HIS LAST STEP

THE LAST STEP

MY BROTHERS, THIS IS OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE!

NO RETREAT!

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I REFUSE TO BE CAPTURED OR THREATENED

EXCELLENT MEDICINE. TOO BAD THE PATIENT LIVES ONLY TO DIE SOON

FUNNY. TOO FUNNY

LET ALONE SUBMIT TO THAT LOWLIFE LIU BEI

WHAT'S FUNNY, HUA TUO?

HAHA

A POT OF REMEDY FOLLOWED BY A POT OF POISON

I SUDDENLY FIND MY DEEDS NO DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF A FOLLOWER OF SUPREME PEACE

THE PROUDEST ALWAYS FALLS IN THE PETTIEST PREDICAMENT

TWENTY YEARS - WHEN THE WORLD IS ALMOST WITHIN GRASP - ONLY TO BE GIVEN UP IN AN INSTANT...

A LIFETIME OF REPUTATION TO BE RUINED ALL AT ONCE

THE EBB AND FLOW OF TIDES...

THIS SCENE REMINDS ME OF XIANG YU AND HOW HE FELT AT GAIXIA

FACED WITH SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT, YET I'M RELUCTANT TO FIGHT

WINNING OR LOSING ARE COMMON IN WAR, MY LORD

BECAUSE... THE REAL CONQUEROR... IS JUST OUTSIDE

BUT ONLY THOSE WHO SURVIVE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY IT

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THIS SAYING BY THE SAGES?

FATHER SAID NEVER LET PRIDE GET IN THE WAY OF ULTIMATE SUCCESS

ENDURE IT AND YOU'LL BE HAN XIN OR GOU JIAN!

BE IT SURRENDER OR CONCESSION,

IF ONE COULD WIN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, ONE COULD GET IT BACK AGAIN!

OH YU GUI,
I DON'T HAVE
YOUR FATHER
YU JIN'S COURAGE

NOR LŪ BU'S
GUTS BACK
THEN

MY LORD...

I ONLY HAVE
XIANG YU'S
COWARDICE

HURRY, MY LORD, THE ENEMY IS RIGHT OUTSIDE!

ONE LAST JOKE...

IN 208, CAO CAO WAS TRICKED AT RED CLIFF

ALL EARS

EVEN THE LEAST COMPETENT STRATEGISTS COULD SEE THE FIRES COMING, YET HE STILL FELL VICTIM...

AFTER THAT HE WAS TRAPPED IN HUARONG. AN ARMY OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND STRONG ROUTED BY MERE SMATTERINGS OF PURSUERS. CAO CAO COMMITTED SUICIDE TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

FINALLY, THE POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN HIS SONS RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF HALF OF THE UNIFIED LAND

HISTORY IS WRITTEN BY THE WINNERS. SO I PORTRAYED DONG ZHUO AS TYRANNICAL, LŪ BU AS COWARDLY, AND YUAN SHAO AS INDECISIVE

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TODAY I SHALL TASTE MY OWN MEDICINE. MY BIOGRAPHY SHALL BE PART OF THIS COUNTRY'S FIRST JOKE BOOK, FOR THE AMUSEMENT OF POSTERITY

HYSTERICAL. EVEN BEFORE THE PUNCHLINE

THERE ARE TEARS IN THAT LAUGHTER. ALLOW ME TO RESOLVE THIS FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

IN 208, CAO CAO WAS DEFEATED AT HUARONG

FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING FACE HE WOULD RATHER THROW HIS LIFE AWAY THAN TO SURRENDER

WHAT'S MORE AMUSING WAS HOW EAGER HIS SUBORDINATES WERE TO PERSUADE HIM TO COMMIT SUICIDE...

ONLY SIMA YI... MANAGED TO SAVE HIS LORD'S LIFE IN THE END!

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下回休刊！

CAO CAO WAS DUMBFOUNDED, AND SO WERE EVERYONE ELSE. BECAUSE A MAN WHO CAN SAY SUCH A THING IS EITHER CRAZY...

OR EVEN MORE MIRACULOUSLY AMAZING THAN GUO JIA!

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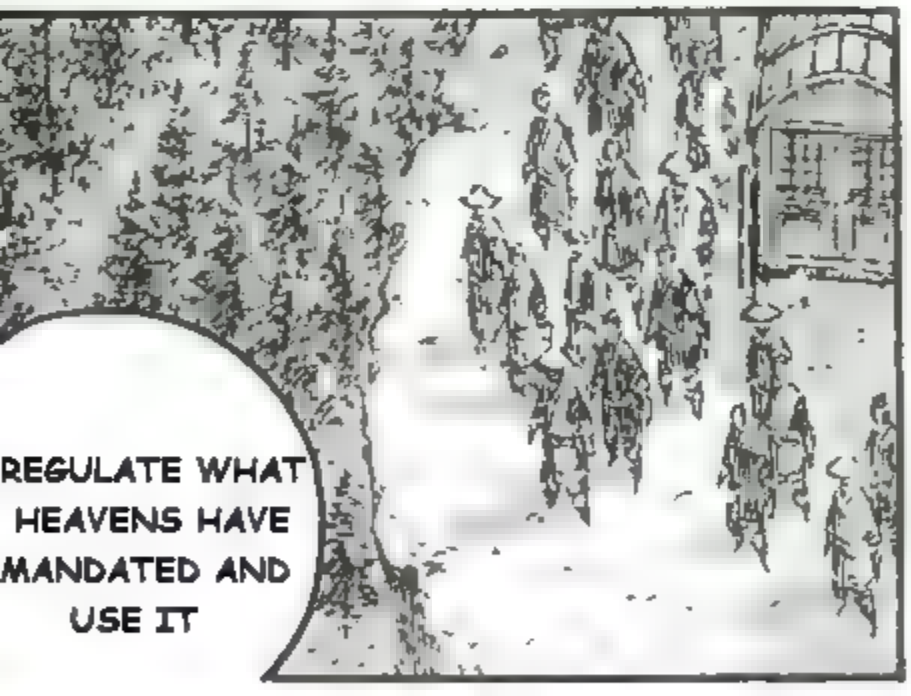
REGULATE WHAT HEAVENS HAVE MANDATED AND USE IT

NO AMOUNT OF MILITARY MIGHT COULD STAND UP TO IT...

INSTEAD OF AWAITING THE CHANGES OF A SEASON, WHY NOT RESPOND AND EXPLOIT IT...

CH 442 A HARD-CALL BETWEEN LOYALTY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

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DO YOU MEAN TO SAY, MASTER KAN, THAT THE WAY IS IMMUTABLE LIKE THE HEAVENS?

HAHA, THOSE WHO RESENT HEAVENS DO NOT LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE. GONG JIN JUST WASN'T AS SKILLED

IT MOVED ME, YES. THOUGH WHY DO THE HEAVENS FAVOR LIU BEI?

GOOD. DETOUR TO JIANGLING

IT'S CLEARING UP, EIGHTH MASTER. WE CAN GO NOW

M-Toon

WHY WITHDRAW BEFORE THE FIGHT'S OVER, KAN ZE?

YOU ALL CAN GO SPECTATE. I HAVEN'T THE MOOD

HAVE YOU NO FAITH IN GONG JIN?

ARE AT A STANDSTILL. EVEN IF HE WINS, HE WILL HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF KONG MING'S DIMINUTION TACTIC

NO, GONG JIN'S EXTRAORDINARY ART OF WAR WILL EARN HIM A VICTORY. EXCEPT NOW AT JIANGLING HE AND JIA XU...

THIS BATTLE MADE A NAME FOR ZHOU YU. YET THE REAL VICTOR BEHIND THE SCENE IS KONG MING

CAPTURING CAO CAO AND REDUCING OUR MILITARY STRENGTH. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

THE BIG PICTURE IS SET. I RATHER NOT WATCH GONG JIN KEEP FALLING

ONE THING ABOUT GONG JIN- HIS TOLERANCE IS SECOND TO NONE AMONG THEM

OH KAN ZE, WOULD A TEACHER OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES NOT KNOW THEIR CAPABILITIES?

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ATTACKING JIANGLING WAS NOT A SPITEFUL DECISION

DON'T FORGET THAT GUO JIA WAS WARY OF HIM TOO

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE AT WORK BEHIND THIS DETOUR

OH KAN ZE,
I'M ONLY NOW
DISCOVERING
HOW INTRICATE...

THIS BATTLE
REALLY IS

WE'VE TAKEN THE HILLS!

CAO CAO'S TROOPS HAVE ALL SURRENDERED!

THERE WAS ANOTHER GROUP TRAPPED IN THE HILLS WHO SHOULDN'T POSE A THREAT!

THEIR DEFENDERS ARE TOO EXHAUSTED TO FIGHT BACK

THE ENEMY VANGUARDS HAVE ALL BEEN CAPTURED!

SEARCH THROUGH THE CORPSES. DON'T LET ANY FISH SLIP AWAY!

HAHA,
WE CAUGHT
THE BIG ONES!

CHENG YU... YOU'RE
NOT BETTER
OFF EITHER

HUH...
YOU FELL TOO,
CAO HONG...

BUT AT LEAST
WE'RE DONE.
IT'S ALL OVER...

WE CAN
DIE NOW

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YES. OUR LORD SHOULD'VE ALREADY DIED A MARTYR

YES. NO COWARD WOULD'VE HELD ON THIS LONG

DAYS AFTER DAYS OF GRIND...

THE REST OF THE CLANSMEN SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR THE HEIR...

CAO HONG. SOMETHING LOOKS OFF

OUR LORD MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE

QUIET! DON'T MOVE!

WH... WHAT!

HAVE YOU LOST
LOST YOUR MIND,
AH-MAN?

ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP
YOUR LIFE'S GOAL SO YOU
CAN LIVE!?

MISTER ZHUGE, EIGHTH GENIUS THE CROUCHING DRAGON INDEED!

CONGRATU-LATIONS TO YOUR VICTORY, ADVISOR!

LOOK! OUR ADVISOR HAS CAPTURED THE TRAITOR!

WE ARE BLESSED TO SERVE UNDER YOU!

ADVISOR ZHUGE IS INVINCIBLE!

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE HAN IS RESTORED!

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CALM DOWN!
CALM DOWN!

ADVISOR ZHUGE IS INVINCIBLE!

SORRY, IT WAS NOT WHAT WE EXPECTED

FOR SOME REASON HE'S VERY UNYIELDING

HOW WAS IT?

ALL RIGHT. ALLOW ME

CAO CAO
OUR
ADVISOR
IS HERE

BRAZEN TRAITOR. YOU DARE NOT TO KNEEL BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER?

DON'T MIND HIM, ADVISOR

I UNDER-STAND

YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO KILL CAO CAO FOR A WHILE. WHY THE HESITATION WHEN THE TRAITOR SHOWS NO CHANGE OF HEART?

A MILITARY ORDER OUTWEIGHS ANY GIBBERISH UTTERED IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE

AS A SUBORDI-NATE, ADVISOR, I FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS TO THE LETTER

UPHOLDING THE MILITARY LAW IS MY DUTY. NO EXCEPTION

NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE, ADVISOR, I HAVE ONE REQUEST

THIS TRAITOR MIGHT'VE BEEN KIND TO ME, BUT HE WIELDS THE EMPEROR LIKE HIS SERVANT- A CRIME ABOVE ALL CRIMES

HE'S WITHOUT REMORSE EVEN IN DEFEAT. FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD, I WISH TO...

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KILL THE TRAITOR!

WHETHER CAO CAO DIES OR NOT, THIS WORLD STILL BELONGS TO THE "LIU" CLAN

WHAT "AN ASSERTIVE STANCE ON MORALITY"

HOWEVER, GENERAL, YOU CLAIMED THAT THE OUTCOME IS CLEAR WHEN THE BIG PICTURE HASN'T YET SETTLED

I BEG TO DIFFER

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ALTHOUGH WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW NOW...

OR IS IT SIMA YI WHO NEVER LOSES?

IS IT ZHUGE LIANG WHO ALWAYS WINS?

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ALL WAS QUIET INSIDE THE TENT.
ONLY ZHUGE LIANG WAS LAUGHING-
TO HIS HEART'S CONTENT

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WHO KNEW THE FLOOD WOULD GET SO SEVERE

LOOK, THE SLEET HAS HALTED. THE WATER IS RETREATING, OPENING UP THE ROADS AGAIN

GENERAL LIAO, LOOK!

WHAT SPOOKED YOU? MORE CORPSE...?

AS AN OLD RESIDENT OF JINGZHOU, GENERAL LIAO, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS KIND OF NATURAL DISASTER?

HAHA, ONCE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER

CH 443 ALTERNATIVE KINDRED-SPIRIT

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H... H-HOW COULD THERE BE A SHIP HERE?

FOLLOW ME TO HIGH GROUND!

THESE ARE CAO CAO'S SHIPS. HOW COULD THEY HAVE SNEAKED INTO THE VALLEY?

HOW...

THEY'RE EMPTY... WHERE ARE THE MEN?

GENERAL LIAO, SOMETHING'S GOING ON UP THE HILL!

S... SO MANY OF THEM!

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OH NO, SOMETHING'S WRONG!

AND WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE GUO JIA'S CONTINGENCY PLAN

YOUR MOVE CAUGHT THEM OFF GUARD...

THAT IS INDEED LIU BEI'S RATIONS TRANSPORT

CAO CAO'S GENERAL
[ZHU LING]

YES. BACK THEN WE COULDN'T HAVE EXPECT THIS EITHER...

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THAT HIS SUCCESSOR... WOULD BE HIM!

YES THE ENEMY FORCE IS SIZABLE AND IS NOW AT OUR REAR!

DAMN IT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

MOUNT HUAPONG, ZHUGE LIANG'S ENCAMPMENT

IS THIS NEWS RELIABLE?

WE HAVEN'T A CLUE, SECOND MASTER...

HOW DID THEY GET HERE?

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE HEARD NOTHING FROM THE OUTPOSTS DESPITE THE NUMBER OF ENEMY...

GUAN PING, GATHER THE TROOPS AND FOLLOW ME!

RIGHT AWAY, SIR!

STAY CALM. THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR WHEN WE HAVE CAO CAO!

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ADVISOR, SECOND MASTER HAS HEADED FOR THE BACK HILLS!

LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE PLANTED A SURPRISE BEHIND US

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT THE FLOOD OF JINGZHOU IS DEEP ENOUGH TO CARRY SHIPS?

YOU MUST'VE MISSED ONE POSSIBILITY, THAT I WOULD USE THE LOW-LYING SWAMP OF HUARONG INSTEAD OF ROADS TO TRANSFER TROOPS TO RED CLIFF...

IF YOU COULD BLOCK THE ROADS AND SURROUND CAO CAO, SO COULD I

HAHA! SHIPS IN THE HILLS? THAT CERTAINLY EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATION

YOU USED WATER TO RESTRICT ME, BUT I COULD ALSO USE IT IN RETURN

NO WONDER WE COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED THAT

AND NOW...
I'M DEFINITELY
STRONGER
THAN YOU

WE HAVE SURROUNDED
SOMEONE SIMILAR

NEED I REMIND
YOU THAT YOUR
MASTER IS IN
OUR HANDS?

LIKE I SAID, SIMILAR

HOW MUCH FORCES ARE LEFT IN JIANGXIA? IF "HE" ISN'T COMING...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

HAHA... YES, YES

WHO ELSE IS THERE?

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YOU HAVE SURROUNDED MY LORD LIU BEI

I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR CANDIDNESS, MISTER

THOUGH I MUST SAY, YOU SEEM HAPPY INSTEAD OF NERVOUS

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, MISTER ZHUGE

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MISTER SIMA?

BECAUSE I'M BEGINNING TO THINK LIKE YOU

AND EVERYTHING I'M DOING IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT

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IT'S TRUE. WHAT LITTLE FORCES THE SUN LIU ALLIANCE HAD STILL DECIMATED A HUNDRED THOUSAND OF OUR MEN

MY LORD CAO CAO WILL NEED YEARS TO RECUPERATE FROM THIS GRAVE WOUND

WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS DEADLOCK BETWEEN US?

YOU KNOW THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS BASED ON SELF-INTEREST. THERE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN A BATTLE IF THE "WIND" WASN'T FAVORABLE

FOR YOU, HOWEVER, THIS VICTORY WOULD LEAD TO A HIDDEN CONCERN FAR GREATER THAN BEFORE...

WHY IS ZHOU YU HELL-BENT ON TAKING JIANGLING?

BECAUSE HE'LL HAVE A BACKUP NO MATTER WHAT THIS OUTCOME IS

ON THE SURFACE, ATTACKING JIANGLING IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD RETAKING JINGZHOU

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IT'S A FEINT.
HE KNOWS THAT
YOU WILL BECOME
THE TARGET OF ALL
OPPOSITION AFTER
THIS VICTORY

SUPPOSE YOU DO
SHAKE OFF THE INFAMY
OF BEING THE EMPEROR'S
KIDNAPPER IN A FEW YEARS,
ZHOU YU, SKILLED AS HE IS,
WOULD'VE INVADED THE SHU
TERRITORIES FROM
JIANGLING HE WOULD THEN
CONQUER THE THREE
SOUTHERN COMMANDERIES
AND HAVE A SHOWDOWN
WITH YOU

SUPPORTED BY THE LONG RIVER AND DEFENDED BY YIZHOU'S GEOGRAPHY, IT WOULD BE EASY TO DEFEAT SOMEONE AS CHRONICALLY TROUBLED AS YOU

YOU'RE USING HIM, AND HE'S USING YOU TOO. BUT THIS ALL DEPENDS ON CAO CAO'S SURRENDER OR DEATH

THEREFORE... YOU HAVEN'T STRAYED FROM YOUR "CONTINGENCY PLAN" EVEN TIL NOW

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WHICH IS?

YOU SHOW KINDNESS IN THE HOPES THAT I PROVIDE A "MAIN PLAN" FOR YOU

WE'VE ALREADY GAINED A COMMON GROUND THROUGH THIS MAN

ABANDON LIU XIE AND DIVIDE THE WORLD IN THREE!

BECAUSE TRUE LOYALTY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS IS TO THE IDEAL AND NOT TO A PERSON. THAT'S WHY YOU CHOSE LIU BEI AND NOT THE EMPEROR

THEREFORE RESCUING THE EMPEROR IS ONLY YOUR CONTINGENCY PLAN. YOUR MAIN STRATEGY IS ABOUT FINDING A PATH TO REMOVE THAT IMPEDIMENT

RIGHT?

PA

YOUR GREATEST WISH IS TO BALANCE THE THREE KINGDOMS AND LET THE WEAKEST LIU BEI TAKE PART IN ONE

THIS IS AN UNSPEAKABLE DESIRE THAT WE ALL WANT

YES.
THERE IS ONLY
VICTORY IN
THIS BATTLE

NO DEFEAT

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I KNEW ALL ALONG THAT YOU WILL BE MY "ADVISOR" TO SAVE HAN

AND I DID ALL OF THIS FOR YOU BECAUSE IN ORDER TO TAKE EVERYTHING FROM CAO CAO... I'LL NEED A "STRATEGIST" LIKE YOU

THAT... IS OUR COMMON GROUND

OUR PATHS ARE INTERTWINED UNTIL ONE OF US MUST FALL

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A COMMON GROUND THAT ONLY THE TWO OF US SHARE...

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AFTER THE LAUGHTER, BOTH ARMIES FOUND THEIR OWN NUMBER TWO MAN

FUNNY ENOUGH THAT IT WAS A CORRUPT (DISLOYAL/TREACHEROUS) VASSAL WHO FINALLY ENDED THE WAR

AND WHAT'S EVEN FUNNIER WAS THAT THE ONE TO ULTIMATELY DESTROY IMPERIAL HAN WAS A LOYALIST